

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MYRIAM ZAYAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH & FAMILIES,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-0981JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District Judge. On her civil cover sheet, Plaintiff Myriam Zayas noted the following related case: *Zayas v. Department of Children, Youth & Families*, No. C20-0650TLF. (See Civil Cover Sheet (Dkt. # 1-1).) Because the parties in this related case consented to a magistrate judge as the presiding official, the court cannot transfer this matter as related to the earlier filed case. Nevertheless, to ensure as much consistency as possible and to conserve judicial resources, the court enters an order of reference in this matter. All

1 future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number C20-0981JLR-TLF. The
2 court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial
3 matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

4 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby
5 refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke all motions to amend or supplement the
6 pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions related to discovery
7 disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a
8 protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28
9 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil
10 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke's rulings
11 concerning the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local
12 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

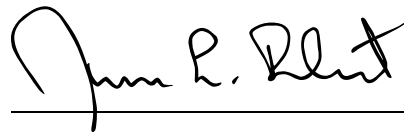
13 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court
14 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke for preparation of a report and
15 recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal
16 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); ¹ (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal
17 Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
18 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).
19 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil
20 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge

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22 ¹ For motions for a temporary restraining order, Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke is
authorized to prepare the order as recommended for the undersigned's signature.

1 Theresa Fricke files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local Rules
2 W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

3 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to
4 Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke for the specific purposes and types of motions described
5 herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge Theresa Fricke
6 to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636,
7 the local rules, and this order.

8 Dated this 8th day of September, 2020.

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11 JAMES L. ROBART
12 United States District Judge
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